A

DECLARATION AND PROTESTATION

Of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, to this Kingdome, and to the whole world.

Wherein (amongst diverse of his Majesties late illegall proceedings) is discovered, how severall Commissions under the Kings Authoritie have been granted to many profest Papists (herein nominated) for places of Command in this War, with power to raise men *and Armes, which in sundry places they have performed.*

Also how Sir *John Hinderson*, and Colonell *Cockram*, were sent to *Hamburg* and *Denmarke*, to raise Forces there, and *in other foraigne parts, to bring into this Kingdome.*

With the names of some who have been proclaimed *Rebels in Ireland, now in great favour with his* Majesty.

For which and other Reasons they are resolved to the uttermost of their power, with the hazard of their lives and fortunes to defend the Truth, against the Kings popish Army, *and all that shall joyne with them in the prosecution of this wicked designe.*

Die Sabbathi, Octob. 22. 1642.

ORdered by the *Lords* and *Commons* assembled in *Parliament*, That this Declaration shall be forthwith printed and published, and read in all Churches and Chappels within the Kingdome of England, and Dominion of Wales, by the Parsons, Vicars, or Curates of the same.

John Brown, Cler. Parliam

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A Declaration and Protestation of the Lords and Commons Assembled in PARLIAMENT.

WE the Lords and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, do in presence of Almightie God, for the satisfaction of our own consciences, and discharge of that great trust which lyes upon us, make this Protestation and Declaration to this Kingdom and Nation, and to the whole world, that no private passion or respect, no evill intention to his Majesties person, no designe to the prejudice of his just honour and authority, ingaged us to raise Forces and take up Arms against the authors of this War, wherewith the Kingdom is now inflamed.

And we have alwayes desired from our hearts and souls, manifested in our actions and proceedings, and in severall humble Petitions and Remonstrances to his Majestie, professed our loyalty and obedience to his Crown, readines and resolution to defend his person, and support his estate with our lives and fortunes to the uttermost of our power.

That we have been willing to passe by, not onely those Injuries, Ignominies, Slanders, and false Accusations, wherewith we have been privately oppressed and grieved, but likewise many publick incroachments, and high usurpations, to the prejudice of Religion and liberty, divers bloodie, Trayterous and cruell practises and designes, for the utter ruine and destruction of the Church and State, so as we might for the time to come have been secured from that wicked and Malignant party, those pernicious and Trayterous counsels, who have been the authors and fomentors of the former

miſchiefes and preſent calamities which have and ſtill do diſtemper this Church and State.

That for the ſame purpoſe, and for the avoiding of blood, we diſired the Earl of *Eſſex* Lord Generall by himſelf, or others in ſome ſafe and honourable way to cauſe to be delivered an humble Petition, wherein we do deſire nothing from his Majeſty but that he would return in peace to his Parliament, and by their faithfull councell and advice compoſe the diſtempers and confuſions abounding in his Kingdoms, as he is bound to do, we therein profeſſing in the ſight of Almighty God, which is the ſtrongeſt obligation that any Chriſtian, and the moſt ſolemn publick faith which any ſuch State as a Parliament can give, that we would receive him with all honour, yeeld him all true obedience and ſubjection, and faithfully endeavour to defend his perſon and eſtate from all danger, and to the uttermoſt of our power to eſtabliſh to him and to his people, all the bleſſings of a glorious and happy Reign, as it is more largely expreſt in that Petition.

For the delivery of which Petition, his Excellencie hath twice ſent unto the King, humbly deſiring a ſafe conduct for thoſe who ſhould be imployed therein, but his Majeſty refuſed to give any ſuch ſafe conduct, or to receive this humble and dutifull Petition, by any addreſſe from the Earle of *Eſſex*, ſaying that if Juſtice had been done, the Gentleman which brought the ſecond Meſſage could not expect his liberty.

By all which and many other evidences and Inducements, we are fully convinc't in our judgements and beleefe, that the Kings counſels and reſolutions are ſo ingaged to the Popiſh party, for the ſuppreſſion and extirpation of the true Religion, that all hopes of peace and protection are excluded, and that it is fully intended to give ſatisfaction to the Papiſts by alteration of Religion, and to the Cavaliers and

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other Souldiers, by exposing the wealth of the good subjects, especially of this City of *London*, to be sackt, plundered, and spoiled by them.

That for the better effecting hereof, great numbers of Papists have in shew conformed themselves to the Protestant Religion, by coming to the Church, receiving the Sacrament, and taking the oaths of Allegiance, and Supremacy, which some of their own Priests have incouraged them to do, by maintaining that they might do all those things, and yet continue good Catholicks: Under which cover his Majesty did at first begin to strengthen himself, those of that religion being weak, and unable to indure the envy and discontent which the arming of the Papists would procure in the Kingdom, and therefore endeavoured to keep off all Jealousies and suspitions by many fearfull oaths and imprecations, concerning his purpose of maintaining the Protestant Religion and the Laws of the Kingdom; causing some professt Papists to be discharged out of his Armie, and none to be received that would not indure the Test of coming to Church, receiving the Sacrament, and taking the oaths of Allegiance.

That his Majesty being now grown stronger, and able as he conceives to make good his own ends by Armes, his confidence in the Papists doth more clearly appear: Persons imprisoned for Priests and Jesuites have been released out of the Jaile of *Lancaster*, professt Papists have been invited to rise and take up Arms, Commissions under his Majesties Authority have been granted to many of them for places of command in this Warre, with power to raise men, and great numbers have been raised by them, and they daily encrease, as namely, to Sir *Nicholas Thornton*, Sir *Tho. Howard* Bar. Sir *Edward Widdington*, Sir *William Kiddell*, Master *Smith*, of *Ash*, Master *George Wray*, Master *Edw. Gray*, of *Morpeth* Castle, Master *Lancelot Errington*, of *Denton*, Mr. *Lancelot*

Holsby, all of *Northumberland*, Bishoprick of *Durham* and *New Castle*, to Mr. *Clifton*, Mr. *William Walton*, Sir *William Gerrard*, Baronet, Sir *Cecill Trafford*, Mr. *Anderson* of *Lostock* in the County of *Lancaster*, and divers Forces are raised and prepared by the Earl of *Worcester*, and his Son the Lord *Herbert*, and as we are informed by an expresse messenger, sent from those parts, the said Lord *Herbert*, a notorious Papist, is made Generall of all *South-Wales*, and we are further informed out of *Yorkshire*, by divers persons of great worth & quality, that those that raise Forces in these parts for his Majesty, do arm and imploy Papists, and use their advice in their consultations, all which is contrary to the solemn Oaths, Protestations, and execrations, whereby his Majesty bound himself to maintain the Protestant Religion, and the Laws of the Land, by which he endeavoured to get a confidence in the people of his good intentions, which how well it is answered, we leave to the world to judge.

That Sir *John Hinderson* and Col. *Cockram*, men of ill report both for Religion and honesty, sent to *Hamburg* and *Denmark*, as we are credibly informed to raise Forces, and to bring them to *New-Castle*, to joyn with the Army of Papists, which they intend to raise there, and that divers endeavours have bin used in other forraign parts to bring in strange Forces into the Kingdom; That the King hath received about him divers Papists of *Ireland*, some of which are indited of high Treason for their rebellion there, notoriously known to have been in actuall Rebellion, as namely, the Lord *Taffe*, Sir *John Dungare*, proclaimed a Rebell, Colonel *Fitz Williams*, Doctor *Meara* indited for the Rebellion in Ireland, and fled for the same, and yet appointed Physitian to Prince *Rupert*, and that his Majesty hath sent for the Petition of the Irish Rebels, which the Justices had stopt, with evident expression of favour to them, whereby that Kingdome is like to become an unfit habitation of any Protestants, and

a ſeminary of warre and treaſon againſt this Kingdome.

That diverſe Engliſh Traytors, actors in the former deſignes againſt the Kingdome and Parliament, are the chiefe actors and Councellors in this unnaturall warre againſt his Subjects, as the Lord *Digby*, *Oneale*, *Wilmot*, *Pollard*, *Aſhburnham*, and others.

That we have been likewiſe credibly informed, that diverſe Jeſuits and Prieſts in foraigne parts, make great collections of money, for reliefe of the Papiſts in *Ireland*, and the furthering of his Majeſties deſignes here againſt the Parliament, and that by them and ſome others, fled out of this Kingdome for Treaſon: great meanes are made to take up the differences betwixt ſome Princes of the Roman Religion, that ſo they might unite their ſtrength, for the extirpation of the Proteſtant Religion, wherein principally this Kingdome, and the Kingdome of *Scotland* are concerned, as making the greateſt body of the Reformed Religion in Chriſtendome, and beſt able to defend themſelves, and ſuccour other Churches.

For all which reaſons we are reſolved to enter into a ſolemne oath and Covenant with God, to give up our ſelves, our lives and fortunes into his hands, and that we will to the utmoſt of our power, and judgement, maintaine his truth, and conforme our ſelves to his will. That we will defend this cauſe with the hazard of our lives againſt the Kings Army, and againſt all that ſhall joyne with them in proſecution of this wicked deſigne, according to the forme agreed upon by both Houſes of Parliament, to be ſubſcribed by our hands, and that we will for the ſame ends aſſociate our ſelves, and unite all the well affected in the Citie of *London*, and other parts of his Majeſties Dominions.

That we expect our Brethren of *Scotland*, according to the act of pacification, whereby the two Kingdomes are naturally bound to ſuppreſſe all debates and differences, to the

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disturbance of the publike peace, that they will helpe and assist us in defence of the Cause, which if the Popish partie prevaile, must needs either involve them in that alteration of Religion which will be made here, or ingage them in a War against this Kingdome, to defend their owne Religion and Libertie: And we doubt not but the God of Truth, and the great Protector of his people, will assist and inable us in this our just defence, to restraine the malice and fury of those that seeke our Ruine, and to secure the persons, estates, and liberties of all that joyne with us: And to procure and establish the safetie of Religion, and fruition of our Lawes and Liberties, in this and all other his Majesties Dominions, which we doe here againe professe before the ever-living God, to be the chiefe end of all our Counsells and Resolutions, without any intention or desire to hurt or injure his Majestie, either in his Person or just Power.

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